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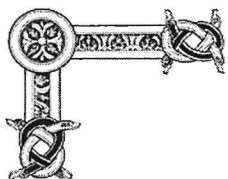
Ladies-in-Waiting

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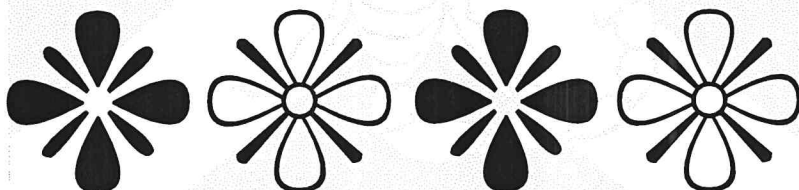
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Calendar of Events

JULY

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STAGS CON VII *Aarquelle*

LONELY MOUNTAIN DEFENDER** *Drygestan*

CLANN WARS IX *Nahrur Kabirur*

FONTAINE DANS SABLE DEFENDER XXII *Fontaine dans Sa-*

AUGUST

1-3

16

29-Sept 1

BARON'S WAR *Dragonsspine*

WESTSIDE GAMES/ FIGHTING THING**

SILVER PASS VIII *Rio de las Animas Perdidas*

SEPTEMBER

13-14

19-21

OUTLANDS CROWN TOURNAMENT *Caer Galen*

CHAMPIONS OF AL-BARRAN

** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto the good and noble people of al-Barran, do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness, send greetings. We hope that during the long hot dog days of summer each of you finds time to enjoy a cool place among friends.

We thank Lady Divina for a fantastic time at the Quest for the Crimson Chalice this past month. The hard work of so many people made the event truly exciting. The feast was absolutely wonderful. It was very enjoyable to sit around the dinner table after a full day of questing and hear each person expound upon the adventures of the day. Well done!

This month finds every weekend scheduled with some exciting opportunity to tourney, learn, revel, and travel.

We encourage everyone interested in the administration of our kingdom to attend Stag's Con in the Shire of Aarquelle the second weekend of the month. There will be a chance to visit with kingdom officers and learn what issues and ideas are on the forefront. There will be classes on being a successful autocrat and feastocrat. This event is intended to be a time to brainstorm, express concern and new ideas. Please contribute to the growth and direction our kingdom will take by participating in this annual event.

We have waited all year for the chance to return to Lonely Mountain Defender, hosted by the fantastic Shire of Drygestan. We look forward to escaping the heat and luxuriating in the shade of the high mountain meadow. We know the weekend will be full of entertaining escapades for all who attend. Among other activities, the first qualifying round of the competition for the next Windhover Bard will be held Friday night. Lady Fermina will once again be making ice cream in the meadow Saturday afternoon. Those of you who would like to participate, please bring an empty 3 lb. coffee can with lid; a clean, empty 1 lb. coffee can with lid; 1/2 pint Half and Half; and a bag of ice for each 1/2 pint of ice cream you would like to make. Fermina will provide the rest of the ingredients.

Please join us the third weekend in July as we travel to the Shire of Fontaine dans Sable for their defender tournament. If the BOD approves the shire's petition to become a barony this month, the event will also see the polling for their first Baron and Baroness. This group of people are most gracious and inviting hosts. We hope you will take the opportunity to enjoy their hospitality as well as provide them with encouragement and support in their move for advancement.

Wherever you may go this month, be a good guest and return to al-Barran with stories of the people you have met and the fun that you have had.

Sir Trevor

Fermina

From the Waterbearer

Greetings

Just a quick reminder that al-Barran is in the middle of a desert and the days are long and hot. So weather ye be a fighter or an on looker please drink lots of water.

Also I am looking for another Deputy. If you are interested in the office or just want to be where all the action is please contact me or Lilliana, our contact information is on the inside front page of the *Baronial Shaft*.

Safe Journeys this summer.

Lady Bronwen Blackwell

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

I hope this missive finds one and all doing great. Well we are in full swing for our tournament and camping season. Good Luck to all our fighters and safe journeys to all who travel beyond our baronial borders.

Also PLEASE contact the Hospitaller's office if you, or someone you know wish to have a demo. "You must TURN IN A WRITTEN REQUEST 3-4 WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE DEMO DATE REQUESTED." Request forms will be available online soon.

The Condotierri will be holding fundraisers through out the summer. Contact Bronwen Blackwell to find out the latest on the fundraiser.

In Service to the Dream

Lady Isabella al-Harith

Raffle to benefit the Condotierri

Tickets are .50 each, available every Sunday in June at fighter practice (Jeanne Bellamah Park) over by where the rapier fighters practice. Please see Lady Bronwen Blackwell about tickets. The drawing will be the first weekend of July. There will be three fabulous prizes to be won during the drawing; these prizes will be on display every Sunday in June at fighter practice.

Please help the Condotierri (baronial rapier guards) to become well-dressed in new, lighter condotierri capes.

From the Chronicler

Greetings,

The cover art this month is in celebration of Lonely Mountain Defender, thank you Lord Santiago for allowing me the use of your artwork for this months cover.

ARTWORK

As always I am looking for articles, artwork, songs, poems, etc. for printing in the *Baronial Shaft*. If you know someone who is talented in any of these areas please let me know and I will seek them out for contributions for the *Baronial Shaft*.

DIRECTORY

Coming soon, the al-Barran phone directory will be getting updated. So look for a phone call or email starting in June to verify your information as listed in the phone directory.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are available for \$10.00 per year. Please make checks or money orders payable to "SCA al-Barran" and send them to Baronial Shaft, P.O. Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM, 87125. If you wish to pay me in person I am usually available at fighter practice on Sundays between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. If you know you will be later than that you can call me or email about meeting a bit later than that.

In service,

Lady Kathws

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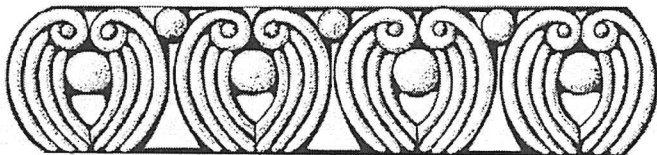
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Grand Outlandish THANK YOU

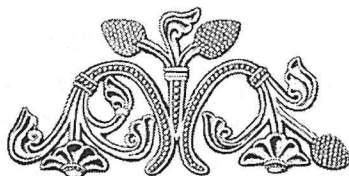
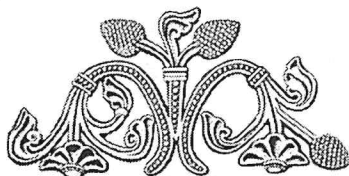
It was my pleasure to autocrat Grand Outlandish Tournament XXX thanks to the outstanding work done by everyone else.

For all the volunteers that gave up some, or lots, of their event to help make it enjoyable for the rest ... Huzzah! (Come on, yell it out when you read it, they deserve it!) To everyone that attended from near and far to make this a good time, please come back now, ya' hear. Your Excellencies, thank You for the opportunity, support, and suggestions. Dennis and Bohemond, thanks for blazing the trail. Stjerne and James David, your help under some interesting circumstances was much appreciated. All special thanks to the coordinators that made my job soooooo much easier:

- Divina for everything, GOT could not have happened without your help!
- Aethelwulf for lending your voice to all things Outlandish.
- Alia for the Webmonkeying and Privy Posts.
- Badai for keeping us Secure.
- Bohemond for the Heavy fighting activities and scenarios, wow!
- Barbara for her work with the Kids activities.
- Bronwyn for keeping us Watered and cooking up the Party fun.
- Charles for the Rapier fighting.
- Clan Tynker for Setup, Cleanup, and everything in between.
- Cristobal for keeping the Gate running smooth.
- Danica for keeping the Lists organized.
- Helga Tynker for her wonderful work with the Merchants.
- Oengus for the Archery, though I hear some folks are still looking for arrows :)
- Rognvaldr for all your help and designs.
- Tana for organizing the A&S activities.
- Thomas for the al-Barran Bardic.
- And everyone else that spend time helping!

I would also like to thank those that hosted or held activities this year ...
College of St. Goliath - Bardic anyone?
Colleges of Blaiddwyn and St. Goliath for the return of the College Games.
Their Excellencies, Conrad and Leah, and the generous populace of the Citadel of the Southern Pass, for the fighting and the party on Sunday!
Darbuka for the first Outlandish Olympics.

It can't happen without you, THANK YOU ALL!
THL Ryan de Caergybi
Autocrat, Grand Outlandish Tournament XXX





Stags Con VII

Shire of Aarquelle

July 12 & 13, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Washington Preschool, Pueblo, CO

Site opens July 12 at 8:00am

Site fee: Free!



How do the Seneschal's get things done? Who tells the Herald what to herald? How and why are decisions made? Come and find out. Where? At the Premier Service Event of the Outlands. Located in the middle of the Outlands, hosted by Their Majesties' Biggest little Shire of Aarquelle. July 12 will bring knowledge, encouragement, and gummy worms. The site opens at 8:00 am with morning court starting at 9:00 am.

As you arrive, breakfast will be waiting and lunch will keep your stomachs content. A bar-b-que is planned for the evening. (yes this Shire travels on its stomach). Limited crash space is available and a block rate is being arranged at some of our local motels. Because we do not want anyone to forget what they have learned on Saturday, there will be some tourneys on Sunday at our beautiful Mineral Palace Park.

In addition to important meetings between the kingdom officers and their local counterparts, classes will include but are not limited to:

Toys for Tots strategy and Tactics—Lord Artorius Greyhawk

Autocrating—Beginning through Advanced—THL Ryan Brunlocr

How to run a Demo—THL Saffia al Zarqua al Sabia (aka Sabia), back by popular demand

Directions: From the North or South— Take I-25 to Pueblo, Colorado, exit at 6th Street. At the First stop light (Santa Fe) turn left to 4th street. On 4th street, turn right. Stay on 4th as it becomes Lincoln then Thatcher. On the corner of Thatcher and Prairie Ave. on the right hand side you will see the sign Washington Preschool. The entrance is right on Prairie and left on the corner of the school. (follow the signs.)

For more information, please see the website: <http://www.stagscon.info>

The site and food cost is free to all.

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This world is adorned in diverse ways,
decorated with rare ornaments.
I saw a strange thing singing in a
house;
nothing on earth looked in the least
like this creature, her shape was so
odd.
Her beak pointed upwards, her feet
and talons were those of a bird,
yet she cannot fly nor even move
much,
through eager to start she sets to work
with her singular tasks; often and
again
she goes the rounds at gathering of
men,
she sits at the feast and awaits her
turn -
it comes soon - to prove her prowess
in the halls of thanes. But there this
creature
never partakes of what makes men
merry.
Daring, eager for fame, she stays
dumb;
and yet in her foot she has a fine voice,
the glorious gift of song. It is so
strange that this creature makes sense
only
with her dangling foot, richly deco-
rated.
When she holds her hoard, proud of
her rings
Yet naked, she bears her brothers on
her neck -
a mighty kinswoman. Even a canny
poet
will be hard put to name this creature.



A Bagpipe

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
		B Project
6 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	7 Gammer Gurton's Needle	B Project
13 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing <i>Stags Con</i>	14 Gammer Gurton's Needle	CI M B Project
20 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing <i>Lonely Mountain</i>	21 Gammer Gurton's Needle	B Project
27 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing <i>Fontaine Defender /Clann Wars IX</i>	28 Gammer Gurton's Needle <i>Clann Wars IX</i>	B Project

July Medieval Dates

July 4 Independence Day
July 13 Full Moon

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Blaidwyn Conclave	2 -Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians Mtg	3 -Blaidwyn ar- mour wkshp	4	5 Archery & Equestrian Practices
8 Blaidwyn Conclave	9 -Heraldry Mtg -Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians Mtg	10 -Equestrian Practice -Blaidwyn ar- mour wkshp	11	12 <i>Stags Con</i>
15 TIZEN'S MEETING Blaidwyn Conclave	16 -Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians Mtg	17 -Blaidwyn ar- mour wkshp <i>Lonely Mountain</i>	18 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshop <i>Lonely Mountain</i>	19 Archery & Equestrian Practices <i>Lonely Mountain</i>
22 Blaidwyn Conclave	23 -Heraldry Mtg -Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians Mtg	24 -Blaidwyn ar- mour wkshp -A&S Knowledge Exchange &	25 <i>Fontaine Defender /Clann Wars IX</i>	26 <i>Fontaine Defender /Clann Wars IX</i>
29 Blaidwyn Conclave	30 -Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians Mtg	31	<u>Regular Activities listings</u> More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19.	

July Medieval Dates

11, 1274 Robert the Bruce born

15, 1240 Battle of the Neva: Prince Alexander Yaroslavich won a battle against the Swedes at the mouth of the Neva river, for which he was named Alexander Nevsky.

16, 622 Hejira begins: Muhammad and his followers emigrated from Mecca to Medina. This begins the Muslim calendar.

17, 1429 Charles VII anointed King of France at Reims: Helped by Joan of Arc, after her victory at Orléans, Charles went to Reims where traditionally kings had to be crowned.

24, 1567: James becomes King of Scotland when Mary of Scotland, was defeated by rebels and abdicated. He became King James I of England upon the death of Queen Elizabeth I.



Lonely Mountain Defender



Shire of Drygestan
July 17-20, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Graduation Flats, Forest Road 289,
Los Alamos, 87544

Site opens at noon on Thursday, July 17th
and Closes at 5 pm Sunday, July 20th

Site Fee is \$10 for adults (\$3 non-member surcharge);
\$5 for children ages 8-16; Family cap is \$30

The site is wet.

Greeting all good Gentles and be of fine cheer for the great Lonely Mountain Defender draws nigh! Come enjoy the lovely high mountain meadow and days of frivolity, fighting, and fun.

The need is great to find this year's Defender of Dragons. The ancient and powerful Dragons lay sleeping deep in the Lonely Mountain enchanted by a dark Wizard's spell. Are you brave enough to enter *The Gauntlet*, gather the components needed to break the spell, and free the Dragons? This year's Defender contest will be a fast paced adventure of skill and wits like none other.

It is our honor to host the Southern preliminary competition to decide the next Windhover Bard. This will take place on Friday night at Dusk-thirty at the bardic fire. The semi-finalist will then compete at Crown Tournament. For more information, please refer to page 22 of June's Outlandish Herald or contact the current Windhover Bard, Lady Sayva the Silent at savya@zianet.com. Following the Windhover bardic we encourage all to come and share songs and stories throughout the night.

Lonely Mountain is at an elevation of approximately 9500 feet. Be prepared for hot afternoons, occasional rains, and cold nights. There is no water on site so be sure to bring plenty. Take note that the back road will close at 7:30 pm so come early for the best access to campsites.

The Forest Service will set fire restrictions, if any, at the time of the event. Like last year please stay updated on Forest closures. At this time please prepare to use propane lanterns and stoves.

New this year: All merchants must be current SCA members. There will be a \$10 merchant fee in addition to site fee. Pre-registration helpful but not necessary. Please contact Elijah Ravenson or Marygold of Clan Tynker at (505) 474-7468 or clantynker@juno.com.

As always, please refrain from cannon fire after midnight.

Directions: Take State Road 502 from 285/84 (at Pojoaque) towards Los Alamos. Take White Rock exit. Turn right at first stoplight. Stay strait through several stoplights until NM 4 where the road "T's." Turn right. Follow NM 4 to Forest Road 289. Turn left and the site is on the right.

From Albuquerque: Exit I-25 onto Rt. 44 to San Ysidro. Take Route 4 north

through Jemez Springs, pass the Caldera and turn right on Forest Road 289.

Any questions regarding merchants, volunteers, etc. can be directed to the Autocrat: Lady Renee Nix de Livingstone (Renee Nix), at rmix@co.santa-fe.nm.us or (505) 992-3084.



Clann Wars IX

Shire of Nahrún Kabirún
July 25-28, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Lincoln National Forest; Ruidoso, NM

Site opens at 2:00 pm on Friday and Closes at 2:00 pm on Monday
Site Fee is \$10 for adults members, \$15 non-members (\$3 surcharge included); \$5 for children ages 6-12 (\$10 Family cap), No charge for children ages 5 and under. Day trip fee \$5.

Please make all check payable to "SCA-Nahrún Kabirún"

The site is wet.



Greetings to the Populace of the Outlands,

As Winter releases its chill hand upon the Glorious Outlands, the Shire of Nahrún Kabirún would like to invite one and all to the ninth annual Clann Wars. Once again we are going to be at our traditional site in the Sacramento Mountains near Ruidoso, NM. We will have all of your favorites: fighting, archery, the Highland games, reveling (including the ever popular sheep reaving, make a sheep, the table siege weapon contest—use of sheep optional), bears and many new surprises. Children's activities, an A&S competition, and a bardic performance are also being offered. There will be a potluck dinner on Saturday and the site is wet; this also includes rain. So please join us for the fun and enjoyment that this beautiful site has to offer.

Schedule of events:

Friday, July 25th

2:00 pm Site OPENS

2:43 pm Rain

7:00 pm General Merriment

Saturday, July 26th

9:00 am Lists opens for all forms of fighting, archery, and children's activities

10:00 am Lists close for heavy and light tournaments, fighting to immediately follow.

12:00 pm Lunch break

1:00 pm Melees: woods battle and the ever-popular castle siege (dual rapier/ heavy melee). We fight until we drop.

3:43 pm Rain

6:00 pm A new surprise

7:00 pm Potluck Feast

7:30 pm Til sometime before dawn; reveling, bardic performance, singing and dancing

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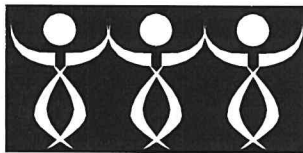
Sunday, July 27th

9:00 am The list for Highland Games opens

10:00 am The Highland Games start

2:17 pm Rain

4:00 pm Scheduled activities end.



Monday, July 28th

2:00 pm Site closes

Please check the Outlands Calendar and mailing list for up-to-date information on fire restrictions and other important information.

Directions: From I-70: turn North on NM 37, drive through the town of Ruidoso, make a left (west) turn on Cedar Creek Road and follow the signs down about 1/2 mile to the camp site.

From NM 380: Turn South on NM 37, follow 37 south until Ruidoso, make a right on Cedar Creek Road, and follow the signs down about 1/2 mile to the camp site.

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Fontaine dans Sable Defender XXII

Shire of Fontaine dans Sable

July 25th-27th, A.S.XXXVIII

Truby Ranch, 2001 Saiz Lane,

Bloomfield, NM 87413

Site opens: 12:00 Noon on Friday, July 25th

Site closes: 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 27th

Site Fees: \$7.00 Per Person for site

\$7.00 Per Person for Feast (limited to 80)

\$60.00 Family Cap; Children Under 6 Free

Equestrian Participants: Site Fee of \$7.00 Per Person Plus Surcharges for Portable Stalls, Etc.

Make Checks Payable to: "SCA-Fontaine dans Sable"



Greetings unto the populace of the Outlands!!!

Beware the sleeping dragon that guards the castle upon the hill! The quest for the Defender of Fontaine dans Sable begins! Come join our fair Shire in our search for next year's Defender. We will feature Heavy and Rapier Tournaments, the ever-famous ROK TOURNAMENT, Archery Shoots, a Fine Feast from our Cook's Kitchen on Saturday evening, Children's Activities, an A&S Competition, a Bardic/Revel Bonfire and I almost forgot, we will be sponsoring an Equestrian event for the first time ever! All equestrian participants should contact our Horse-O-Crat for more information on entry fee surcharges for portable stalls, hay and water availability, etc.

Merchants are welcome and we will have a wonderful merchanting area to set up in. Please contact one of the Autocrats for further information.

Friday night, we will host a Traveler's Feast with coffee to be served in our Cook's Kitchen in the mornings, with breakfast to be served on Sunday.

All tournaments and competitions will have wonderful prizes and there will be a good time to be had by all!

This site is primitive, so plan to bring your own water and plenty of it! This site is wet and there are no curfews. All fires must be off ground and the City of Bloomfield fire restrictions in effect at the time of the event will be enforced. Please contact one of the autocrats as the event approaches for updates. All pets must be leashed and an area will be available to hobble your honorable steeds.

Directions to Site: *From the South:* Make your best way to Bloomfield, NM on Hwy 550. Turn right (east) on Hwy 64, go 3/10 mile and turn left (north) on Hwy 550 North (again) at streetlight. Go north on Hwy 550 at 1.5 miles and turn right (east) on Arizona. Go 1/2 mile and turn right (south) on Saiz Lane. Go 2/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on to the site. Signs will be posted.

From the North: Make your best way to Aztec, NM. Turn south on Hwy 550 South (Main Street). Go at 7 miles and turn left (east) on Arizona. Go 1/2 mile and turn right (south) on Saiz Lane. Go 2/10 of a mile and turn right (west) on to the site. Signs will be posted.

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West Side Games/Fighting Thing.

Barony of al-Barran

August 16, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)

Paradise Hills Community Center and Park
Albuquerque, NM

Site Fee for all day is \$5 for adults; children under 7 are free

The site is Dry.



Welcome to the al-Barran Westside Biweekly Fighter Practice Introduction Event (but this was too long so see above). To be held on August 16th at the Paradise Hills Community Center and Park in Albuquerque.

What does this mean? We're inviting everybody to an event in order to show off the glorious west side park at which we are practicing every other Saturday (9am-11am). This event will have heavy & light tourneys, melees, games, competitions and a feast. In other words, we are bribing you with many ways to win prizes and eat Vlad's wonderful cooking to entice you to come.

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Lists open at noon. Tournaments start at 1pm followed by melees until time to retire to the feast hall. Throughout the day there will be games such as speed chess. Please bring your board if you have one. Some other possibilities are hunkershausen, bocci ball, and rock, etc. Volunteers for organizing these and/or other games, please contact the autocrats. There will also be a "made by hand" competition with the winner determined by popular vote, so bring something you've completed in the last 12 months. Finally, there will be a competition for the most pleasing table setting for two as judged by the Baroness.

Prizes will include hand made felt items, ceramic feast gear in colors of choice, and other things we find on the Silk Road. If anyone is interested in entertaining during the feast please contact one of the autocrats. Court is at Baronial whim and the menu is to be announced. Feast is limited to 100. Site will close at 11pm.

Site fee will be \$5 for all day (yes, all this for \$5), children under 7 free. Site is Dry.

Directions to park & community center: Take I-25 to Paseo Del Norte (North end of Albuquerque). Go West on Paseo Del Norte to Golf Course Rd (Paseo Del Norte actually dead ends here), go North (right) to Paradise (Wallgreen's on corner). Turn West (left) and go past Lyon (Allsup's on corner) to the park on the right hand side of the road.

Autocrats: Lord Vlad Chris Pauli (also our Cook), 505-400-2895
and/or THL Triaria, 505-891-3821, email: wannagame@aol.com

Crimson Chalice's Thank You from the co-autocrat

Merry Met! Boy Was June Quiet!!!! Except for the Quest for the Crimson Chalice. Wow what a great event! It Was Jammin'! I am sure Lady Divina will have her own thank you's as co-autocrat, roving-groper, newly deputized poop catcher and shaper, here are mine...

The whole Quest was taken by the gypsies! Dragonscope found the Chalice and Zarzula found the Treasure chest. The Chalice was required to open the treasure chest so they got together, made a plan, hired mercenaries, and took the entire event. Gypsies now rule the Heavens and Earth!!!

My thanks go out to these groups and individuals: Clan Ashwood - Kalid - Brother-in-law, I am proud to call you family (He's jumped right in Your Excellencies!) Clan Blackwell - Need I say more?, Crimson Company - Kassir without your help this event might not have gone on, you worked your tail off (seriously his tail on his belt is now the size of my dog's JD tail! Your Excellencies he's still at it!), Dragonscope - thank you for helping clean up!!!, Erlin-star - Thanks y'all!!!! Anyone with a star in their name has to be great (;D), Iverson - Mistress Royse, Pierre, & Wolf - Royse, I have never listened to so many men looking forward to have a woman beat them senseless, Pierre - XXOO, Wolf - congrats!, Pyrats - Bizzy, Crusty et al - great job! Great fighting! Thanks for the night time fun! (grope! grope!), **THUNDER!!** - Fritz & Elinor,



Master Gunwaldt's Lonely Mountain Food Plan...

some of the biggest hearts in the Barony, Sir Creon and crew, my brothers & sisters, drumming, dancing, I am so proud to be in Rolling Thunder and Saturday night made me even prouder! **THUNDER!!** Sir Cyrid - My Lord and Husband's Knight, Patriarch of Clan Ashwood, You made me proud to call you family, proud to be part of Clan Ashwood, and you also put up a good grope chase!!!

Mordygan - Thank you for being your wonderful self! Raven Tynker - Thank you! St. Golias - Auria, Livia, Mateo, Safya, Sveinn, my favorite crew, the funnest crew, you already have my love, my friendship now you have my thanks, Zarzula - There were 3 gypsies a come to my door and now they rule 1/2 of the heavens and earth. You have stolen a part of my heart. A special thanks to Bryndis, Kalid, St. Golias, Zarzula, Fritz, Elinor, and anyone else who helped with the clean up! Thank you Tom and Wulfgar for the Quartermaster duties. A special thanks to my Mistress, my lioness of the desert, my friend, my inspiration...Thanks and love to all what a great event!!! But the biggest and best Thank You goes out the Their Excellencies for letting us put on this event! Hvala (as we say in Serbian)!!!! Can we do it again next year?

Lady Danica Nemanjaviaca

Gammer Gurton's Needle

This month's meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at Lady Margaret de Colquhoun's house (Sharleen Brasher) Her address is 10215 Propps Dr. and phone 293-3047. We will be continuing on our special summer project. Please attend for more details or contact HL Delia the Rose of Thorncastle who is organizing the project (see contact information below).

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, lacis, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, card weaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. If you can't make the meetings, we have copies of instructions and patterns and can make arrangements for individual meetings with teachers. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston-865-9082 or ladyrosamond@earthlink.net or Delia at HLDelia@aol.com. **Website:** <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure" -from the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575.

Court Dancing Article

Court dance practices will be held at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah) on Sundays, July 13th and 27th, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. The classes are free and everyone, ages 7 and up, is welcome. We have been practicing some new dances and hope you will join us. If you have any questions or wish further information, you can reach me at 293-7453 or at krege@aps.edu (I will only be able to check my emails every week or so during the summer).

Yours in Service to the Dream,

Lady Barbara

Al-Barran Court Dance Musicians

Want to add to the musical atmosphere at feasts and events? Come join the al-Barran court dance musicians; instrumentalists interested in playing live music for court music please consider attending. The idea is to have available live court musicians instead of the cd player at some events. Non-electrified instruments preferred. A compiled sheet music book pdf file can be found at: http://mywebpages.comcast.net/shiao_mei/crtdance.pdf - please print this and bring it with you to the meetings.

We will be meeting at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ), on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm, and occasional Sundays at Fighter Practice Park. For more information please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Thank you!

Lady Lin Shiao Mei

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice

Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, Jeanne Bellamah Park., on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice

Sundays, Jeanne Bellamah Park, on Tomasita between Mountain and Constitution, east of Eubank. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice

Practice is starting again after winter recess. It is every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the Right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Lady Sylvia's home. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting

3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Sjerne 861-2907*

Heraldic Submission and Commenting Meeting

This is your opportunity to come hang out with heralds - submit your name and/or device, listen to heralds discuss submissions, and maybe even comment on other people's submissions. Absolutely no heraldic experience required. Honest. When and Where: The 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, at Earl Cathyn and Lady Alia Marie's home, 1223 Fruit St NW. *For directions contact Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn at alia@swcp.com or 244-9525. Please check with Lady Alia or Earl Cathyn as to whether a meeting is happening.*

Court Dance Practice

For July, court dance practices will be held on Sundays, (June 13th and 27th), from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at fighter practice park (Jeanne Bellamah). Everyone age 7 and up is welcome to these free court dance practices. *Contact: Lady Barbara 293-7453 or krega@aps.edu (I will only be able to check my emails every week or so during the summer) for further information.*

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice

Practice will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months: July: 5, 10, 19, & 24; August: 2, 7, 16, 21 & 30; September: 6, 11, 20 & 25. *Please contact the Equestrian marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle

The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops

Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops

The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaidwyn Project Conclave

Come and join Blaidwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaidwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

**Time Value Publications!
Deadline for Submissions:
Third Tuesday of Each Month!**

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Expires next month! 08/01/03

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